



Community Education      Fall 2023

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## Watercolor for Beginners

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### **Course Description:**

- Have you always wanted to learn the basics of watercolor? Learn step by step techniques such as color choices and mixing, creating texture with different brush strokes and glazing colors. No prior painting experience required.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

#### **Outcome #1:**

- Color- Students will learn how to accurately identify colors from life and photographs and how to properly mix those colors on a palette. Students will also implement creative use of color through exaggeration, saturation, and high contrast.

#### **Outcome #2:**

- Technique- Students will learn how to use proper brushes, amount of paint, and amount of water to achieve desired effects. Students are also able to use other tools to experiment and achieve various visual qualities.

#### **Outcome #3:**

- Creativity and Imagination- Students will learn to build and strengthen their creative vision. Students will use the basic knowledge of techniques and artistic vocabulary as a foundation for their own creative expression.

### **Course Schedule:**

**Week 1:** Sept. 27th. Intro.

- Explanation of Materials
- Color Mixing
- Paint Control

**Week 2:** Oct. 4th. Wet Techniques.

- Wet on Wet

**Week 3:** Oct 11th. Dry Techniques.

- Dry Brushing

**Week 4:** Oct. 18th. Additive and Subtractive Techniques.

- Splatter
- Lifting

**Week 5:** Oct. 25th. Start Project.

- Draw
- Block in Colors
- Background

**Week 6:** Nov. 1st. Continue Project.

- Refine Details
- Middle Ground

**Week 7:** Nov. 8th. Continue Project.

- Refine Details
- Foreground

**Week 8:** Nov. 15th. Finish Project.

- Final Touches

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